**Activity report**

Site: **Basona woreda PA: Goshe Bado and Gudo Beret Kebele**

*I: Description of the activity*

What is the nature of the activity?

**Field day for farmers and experts**

What were the objectives of the activity?

**This activity was done with the aim of visiting and evaluating the different field trials of Africa RISING project at Goshe Bado Kebele. These include demonstrations and adaptation/action research being done on PVS (participatory variety selection) and community seed multiplication on different food and cash crops, pulses (faba bean), potato and livestock feed development (Oat&Vetch, and crop residue).**

Who organized/originated the activity?

**Africa RISING** **Site coordinators, IP technical group members and ILRI researchers**

Date of the activity- **November 11-12, 2014**

*II: Participation by IP actors in the activity (attach IP register for verification)*

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| **Number of organizations or actors grouped by the type of organization** | **Number** |
| Number of male farmers | 39 |
| Number of female farmers | 20 |
| Number of research organizations (Local and International) | 3 |
| Number of policy organizations (including Zonal Woreda or kebele offices) | 8 |
| Number of NGOs | 2 |
| Number of farmer groups (clusters) represented | 15 |
| Number of private sector organizations | 0 |
| Number of other groups and specify (e.g. farmer organizations, women group, youth group etc.) | 4 |

*III: Narrative description of the activity (Around 300 words)*

Briefly describe the key elements of the activity-What went well and what did not go well?

**The activity was organized to showcase the different filed trials on a number of research protocols from different CG centers on crops, fodder trees (for NRM and feed development) and high value fruits for participating and non-participating farmers and local stakeholders. Based on the criteria set by farmers and experts mid-season evaluation was also conducted for male and female farmer groups separately to see which varieties/experiments are performing well while standing on the field.**

* **Farmers’ participation in the whole process of the evaluation was a good aspect of the event**
* **A relative low level of local partner’s participation and time constraint to visit all proposed fields was a drawback**
* **Faba bean disease seriously heat many experiment plots and affected the evaluation process**

What key ‘next steps’ emerged from the activity

* **Better follow up of trials both by researchers and farmers as some experiment plots were not in good shape**
* **Plan for end season evaluation and communicate local partners well in advance to insure maximum presence**